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STAPLING OF CURRENCY NOTES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI has issued directives to all the banks imposing ban on the stapling of currency notes;

(b) if so, the guidelines issued to banks;

(c) whether these guidelines also apply to foreign and private sector banks;

(d) whether RBI has requested the banks to instal currency counting machines with digital display system;

(e) if so, the estimated cost of installing such machines in various branches of banks; and

(f) by when these machines are likely to be installed ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO V.ADSUL)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. RBI had issued directive to all commercial banks, Regional Rural Bank, Local Area Banks including foreign and private banks to do away with stapling of fresh/re-issuable/non-issuable note packets and instead secure note packets with paper bands.

(d): Banks have been advised to install dual display note counting machines at their counters to facilitate counting of packets by the customers.

(e): The cost of note counting machines ranges from Rs.5000/- onwards depending upon the features present in the machine.

(f): Banks are already in the process of installing note counting machines.